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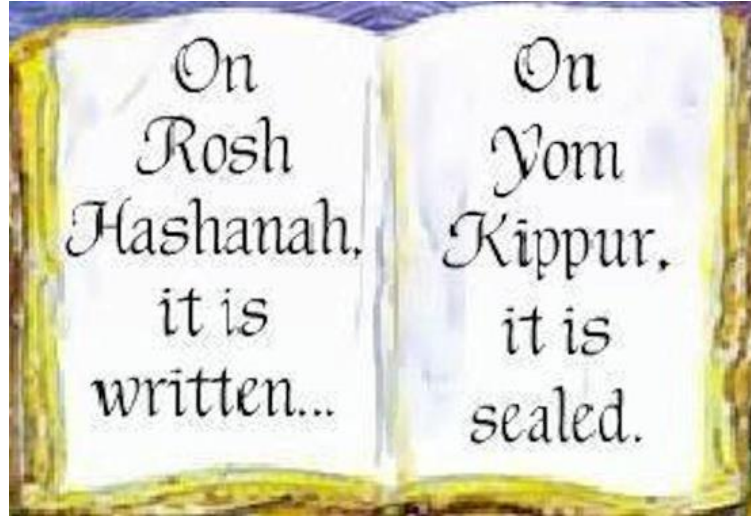
Elul (5777) Tishrei/Cheshvan (5778)

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Schedule for High Holidays

Friday	15 Sept.	5:00 p.m.	<i>Silichot</i>	Friday	29 Sept.	7:30 p.m.	<i>Kol Nidre</i>
						Leader:	Bonnie Linado
Friday	15 Sept.	7:30 p.m.	<i>Shabbat</i>	Saturday	30 Sept.	10:00 a.m.	<i>Yom Kippur Morning</i>
		Leaders:	Bonnie Linado Joy Birnbaum			Leader:	Art Kaufman
						Assisted by:	Phil Aarons
Wednesday	20 Sept	7:30 p.m.	<i>Erev Rosh HaShanah</i>			<i>Haftarah:</i>	Phil Aarons
		Leader:	Suzan Cohen	Saturday	30 Sept.	2:00 p.m.	Afternoon discussions
		Assisted by:	Richard Dimentstein			Leader:	Suzan Cohen
		<i>Oneg:</i>	Board sponsored				
Thursday	21 Sept.	10:00 a.m.	<i>Rosh HaShanah</i>	Saturday	30 Sept.	4:00 p.m.	<i>Yom Kippur Yiskor</i>
		Leader:	Andy Friedman				and Concluding Services
		Assisted by:	Susan Richman			Leader:	Ariane Lieberman
		<i>Haftarah:</i>	Phil Aarons			<i>Shofar:</i>	Louis Drucker
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		<i>Tashlich</i> immediately following		Saturday	30 Sept.	5:15 p.m.	Break-the-Fast
Friday	22 Sept.	7:30 p.m.	<i>Shabbat Shuvah</i>				
		Leader:	Suzan Cohen				



The Officers and Trustees of **Temple Beth Elohim** extend to our members and friends sincere wishes for a year of good health, prosperity, safety, and peace.

L'SHANA TOVA!

From the Ritual Chair....

Suzan Cohen

...a word about virtue for the New Year:

Rosh HaShanah is approaching. A tired and battered old year is coming to an end, but through our shared prayers we will be opening the door to the hope of a better year to come. But we know that the world won't become a better place through our prayer alone. We must contribute our deeds and actions to repairing the world.



Ritual Chair Suzan

That brings us to the Jewish virtue of *tzedakah* (תְּצַדִּיק), which is usually translated as “charity.” As usual, the English term is an inadequate translation, as *tzedakah* is a far more complex concept. It is based on the Hebrew word *tzdek* (צַדִּיק) meaning righteousness, fairness, or justice. Yes, it does involve giving charitable contributions, but while charity is perceived as a voluntary act of contributing material support for those in need, *tzedakah* is not a matter of charity – it's a mitzvah, a requirement.

Falling short on performing deeds of *tzedakah* is not unique to our generation or even modern times. Biblical prophets castigated the Israelites for neglecting and even exploiting the poor, insisting that God has particular concern for those in need. The rabbis of classical Judaism praised *tzedakah*, calling it “equal in value to all the other *mitzvot* combined.” They also praised those who practiced it, saying that they attain the level of holiness of someone who brought sacrifices in the ancient Temple. And as you prepare yourself for the soul searching that is so central to the High Holy Days, bear in mind that the *Rosh HaShanah* liturgy lists *tzedakah* alongside repentance and prayer as a human act capable of averting a negative divine decree.



TEMPLE BOARD MEETINGS

Check our website for date, time and place. Members are encouraged to be present.

Want to advertise in *The Rising Star*? Call Richard Dimentstein at (843)232-1451. Any life cycle events? Contact Annette Vinik, annettevinik@hotmail.com.

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TEMPLE MEMBERS, please note: You have access to membership information by going to www.chaitrack.com. If you need a user name and password, contact Annette Vinik, (1)(843)564-5489.

Let us fervently pray for the comfort and recovery of our dear temple members and friends and for the continued strength of their caregivers



Mary Ball Susan & Brian Berry Sheldon Gershman

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Let us pray together for the speedy recovery and complete restoration of health of

SHANE FINKEL

grandson of Carrol Sallas

CHARITY DRIVES

We have set up two receptacles in our social hall. One is for clothing items. The other is for non-perishable food, toiletries and sundries. All that we collect will be donated to a local shelter or food pantry.

Please remember this when you are removing things from your drawers, closets and cabinets.

The Temple Beth Elohim Gift Shop Is Now Open

Each and every Friday, before *Shabbat*, we will be selling Judaic items such as *mezuzah*, *yahrzeit* lights, ceramic trivets, Chanukah candles, and an assortment of unique objects d'art. Joy Birnbaum and Carrol Sallas will be on hand to act as customer service representatives.

BIRTHDAYS



SEPTEMBER

1 Edwina Friedman
1 Susan Richman
15 Richard Dimentstein
16 Carrol Sallas
19 Seymour Birnbaum
20 Andy Friedman
30 Johanna Goldman

OCTOBER

05 Marilyn Horowitz
12 Myla Specht
13 Debbie Smith
16 Alex Cohen
23 Sylvia Herman

ANNIVERSARIES



SEPTEMBER

2 Johanna & Rob
Goldman
10 Kathryn & David
Kossove
13 Edwina & Andy
Friedman
17 Ariane & Craig
Lieberman

OCTOBER

14 Adele Franzblau &
Marty Kleinrock
15 Dana & Jay Ard



Sylvia Herman

Sylvia Speaks of Jewish Culture

An Investigation of Origins and Variations

We've followed the Jewish movement over much of the Eastern Hemisphere. The moves to the Western Hemisphere are both interesting and significant to American Jews.

Columbus found few sailors willing to risk their lives on a dangerous journey west to the Orient. A number of prisoners, possibly including some Marranos (Jews who were forced to convert but secretly practiced their Judaism) were released from prison and forced to sail. Columbus took five Marranos with him: two relatives of Luis de Santangel, a Marrano, treasurer of the kingdom, who advanced the money to outfit the expedition when Isabella said the Royal House money had been drained by the wars with the Mohammedans, two physicians and Luis de Torres.

De Torres did not return with Columbus and spent the rest of his life in Cuba, becoming the first European and Jew to settle in the New World.

More Jews joined the early pioneers settled on the West Indies Islands, in Brazil, in Mexico. Vessels arriving from Spain and Portugal with new settlers also brought priests to convert the natives and to keep an eye on the Marranos. They also set up a branch of the Spanish Inquisition.

Spain and Portugal could not long remain the sole possessors of the New World as divided by the Pope. Other countries wanted a share of the riches.

Holland had become a subject of Spain in the 16th century which brought in the Inquisition to uproot the Protestant religion. After a prolonged war, all the Provinces united and regained their freedom. Holland merchants founded the Dutch West India Company (DWIC) to gain a foothold in the New World. They learned about the beautiful harbor city of Recife, the most important city of Portuguese Brazil, surrounded by wide sugar and tobacco plantations. Many were owned by Marranos as were sugar mills and warehouses for their goods.

DWIC knew the Jews were friendly to the Dutch. Jews had found refuge in Holland and had prospered from trading in foreign lands. Jews were also shareholders in DWIC.

In 1630 the Dutch invaded and took the city of Recife with the help of the Marranos. Jews and Marranos flocked to Recife from nearby cities and settlements as well as from Spanish colonies and from much of Europe. Nine years later, the Portuguese returned and laid siege to the city. Finally realizing Recife was doomed, the Dutch agreed to an amnesty, exacting a promise that the Jews would not be molested. They were not mistreated but given the choice of baptism or exile.

The Jews chose to leave. Hundreds returned to Holland. Some scattered through Central America or fled to islands of the West Indies.

Twenty-three found their way to North America, the first group of Jews to come to the land we now call the United States.



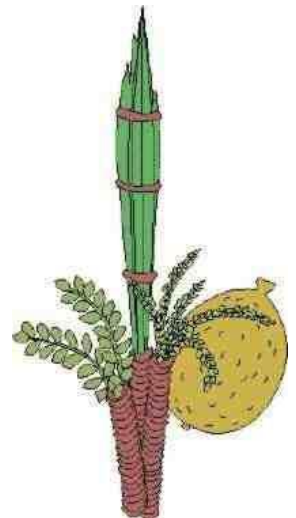
*The following is a press release that was sent to all of the current members of JHSSC. Members of Temple Beth Elohim are invited to attend the slide lecture and panel discussion that will take place in our temple. The event will begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday, 15 October 2017. The panel discussion will be chaired by **Elizabeth Moses**. (One of the panelists will be Marsha Kaminski of the famous Georgetown family, who lives directly across the street from our temple. She plans to invite attendees to visit the first floor of her home.)*

The Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina (JHSSC) heads to Waccamaw Neck for its fall 2017 meeting. We begin on Saturday, October 14, with a tour of Hobcaw Barony, Bernard Baruch's 16,000-acre winter hunting retreat, preserved in perpetuity by his daughter Belle Wilcox Baruch for purposes of education and research. Now a world-class center of marine biology and forestry exploration, Hobcaw offers an unparalleled opportunity to interpret every era of human habitation in South Carolina. **On Sunday, the meeting will convene in Georgetown**, the third oldest town in South Carolina and the second (after Charleston) where Jews settled. The state's second oldest Jewish cemetery testifies to the longevity of the Jewish community. **Sunday's program starts at Temple Beth Elohim with a slide lecture titled "From First Families to Front Street," to be followed by a panel of former and current residents representing some of the city's prominent Jewish families.** Following lunch, tours to area historical sites will round out the day. Space is limited. To register, please visit www.jhssc.org.

Lulav and Etrog

The Torah instructs us to take up four species in hand to celebrate Sukkoth. *On the first day you shall take the product of the goodly trees, branches of palm trees, boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days.* [Leviticus 23:40] The first three (willow, palm, and myrtle) are bound together and collectively called a **lulav**. The fourth is the **etrog** (citron), a sweet smelling citrus fruit grown in Israel. It is held with the lulav and brought both to the synagogue where it is waved as Hallel is recited.

There are four types of Jews: the *etrog*, which possesses both taste and fragrance symbolizes those who possess both learning and good deeds. The palm branches possess taste but no fragrance, symbolizing those who possess learning but do not perform good deeds. The myrtle is the inverse of the palm, possessing no taste but having a pleasant fragrance; this is likened to those who are not learned but do good deeds. Finally, the willow has neither taste nor fragrance, symbolizing those who possess neither learning nor good deeds. We, of course, wish to be the *etrog*, possessing both learning and good deeds. But the reality of life is that our communities are made of all four types of people and because community is such a high priority in Judaism, we bind all four species together, as we ought to bring together all Jews in one community.



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Robin Ashman to the General Fund

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Yahrzeit Plaque



DOROTHY B. TROUTMAN MULFORD

mother of
DONNA LLEWELLYN

will be memorialized
on the **Temple Beth Elohim**
Yahrzeit Board

Our New Safety Measure

The side door of our synagogue (High Market Street) will be locked once services begin at 7:30 p.m. Worshippers are asked to proceed to the main entrance (Screven Street). If this is a hardship, then please ring the doorbell to the right of the doorpost and someone will let you in.

Mi Shebeirach List

A prayer for healing is chanted at each *Shabbat* service. The leader of the service will read from a list and then invite the congregation to call out names that are not on this list that is read weekly. If you wish to have a name added to the weekly list (or removed), you must submit the name to Art Kaufman (art@arthurdkaufman.com)



Yahrzeits



SEPTEMBER

6 Carolyn B. Levenson friend of Temple Beth Elohim
 9 Bryan M. Schneider brother of Susan Berry
 15 George Lichtenstein brother-in-law of Shelly Gershman
 18 Frieda Freireich mother of Cecile Vinik
 19 Sydney Abrams member Temple Beth Elohim
 20 Sadye Danzig member Temple Beth Elohim
 24 Meyer Cornis uncle of Ruth Farb
 25 George Levkoff grandfather of Dick Rosen
 25 Jacqueline Lowenstein mother of Henry Lowenstein
 27 Toba Vallens Farb mother of Ruth Farb
 29 Jack Levkoff cousin of Dick Rosen



OCTOBER

5 David Vinik father of Gene Vinik and Lynn Vinik
 7 Lazarus Levkoff grandfather of Susan Berry
 8 Florence Greenstein friend of Gene Vinik
 9 Bernard Pockell father of Sheila Borash
 9 Cecil W. Schneider father of Debbie Smith
 10 Clark Gottlieb past president of Temple Beth Elohim
 10 Minnie F. Ringle member Temple Beth Elohim
 11 Ida E. Schanzer Simon mother of Ruth Feinberg
 11 Nettie Gladstone grandmother-in-law of Meyer Rosen
 12 Abraham Fogel husband of Bette Fogel
 14 Wolfie Rand father of Joy Birnbaum
 17 Hirsch Schneider great uncle of Susan Berry
 18 Frieda Birnbaum mother of Seymour Birnbaum
 24 Philip Hurwitz member Temple Beth Elohim
 24 Julius Fogel member Temple Beth Elohim
 24 Theresa Block Baruch friend of Temple Beth Elohim
 29 Joseph Baruch friend of Temple Beth Elohim
 30 Meyer Danzig member Temple Beth Elohim
 31 Frances Goldstein step-mother of Roz Greenspon

Any corrections or additions please contact Annette Vinik at (1)(843)564-5489 or at tbe@chaitrack.com . Names are read every Friday night for *yahrzeits* of the upcoming week.

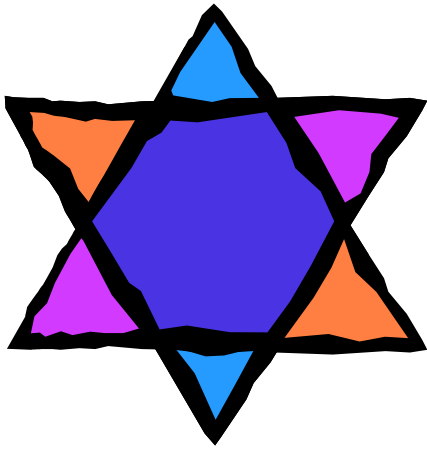
New Memorial Plaques

Plaques are displayed permanently on our *Yahrzeit* Board and are lit on the death anniversary of the honoree. Any member who would like to memorialize a loved one should speak with one of our Board members.

Beth Elohim Cemetery

Cemetery plots are for sale in our unique, historic resting place. The Cemetery Committee, chaired by SEYMOUR BIRNBAUM, has prepared the appropriate documentation for the purchase of gravesites.

Call the temple (843 283-7145) and request for copies of Burial Rights, Rules and Regulations, Fee Schedule, and a schematic of burial plot locations. All plots include perpetual care and will be available to current members of Temple Beth Elohim and to Non-temple members at a higher cost.



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